# **City of Everett Public Right-of-Way ADA Transition Plan**



# Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- Signed into law in 1990
- Civil rights protections for people with disabilities
- Facilities and services must be accessible to individuals with disabilities
- Applies to all facilities built before and after 1990
- Public agencies responsible for these facilities must develop an ADA Transition Plan





# **Definitions**



**Right-of-way (ROW)**: land acquired or dedicated for public roads and streets



Pedestrian facilities: facilities intended for pedestrian travel, such as sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, shared paths



**Barriers**: something that prevents unhindered travel along pedestrian facilities



# Elements of an ADA Transition Plan



Identifies barriers to accessibility in pedestrian facilities



Describes the **methods** that will be used to make facilities accessible



Develops a **schedule and methodology** for removing barriers



Identifies an official responsible for implementing the plan



Solicits and incorporates **public feedback** 

## Barriers

Types of barriers on pedestrian facilities located within City of Everett public right of way:

- Cracked or uneven sidewalks
- Sidewalk obstructions
- Missing or inaccessible curb ramps
- Existing pedestrian signals with inaccessible, inaudible or missing pedestrian push buttons



# **EXAMPLES OF BARRIERS**

# Sidewalk barriers



Baker Ave. and 15<sup>th</sup> St.

**Cracked and uneven sidewalks** 



Evergreen Way and E Casino Rd.

Sidewalk obstructions such as utility poles or overgrown vegetation



# Sidewalk barriers



Wetmore Ave. and 22<sup>nd</sup> St.

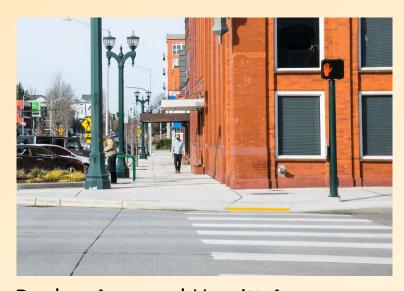
Cracked and uneven sidewalks



52<sup>nd</sup> St. SE and Colby Ave. **Sidewalk obstructions** such as utility poles or overgrown vegetation



# Sidewalks after barrier removal



Rucker Ave. and Hewitt Ave. **Sidewalks** that are accessible



Hoyt Ave. and California St. **Sidewalks** that are accessible



# Curb ramp barriers



Hoyt Ave. and 41<sup>st</sup> St. **Curb ramps** that are missing or inaccessible



Olympic Blvd. and Mukilteo Blvd. **Curb ramps** that are missing or inaccessible



# Curb ramps after barrier removal



Hoyt Ave. and 41st St.

**Curb ramps** that are accessible



Hoyt Ave. and Wall St.

Curb ramps that are accessible



# Pedestrian push button barriers



Evergreen Way and 52<sup>nd</sup> St. SE

Pedestrian push buttons that are inaccessible or inaudible

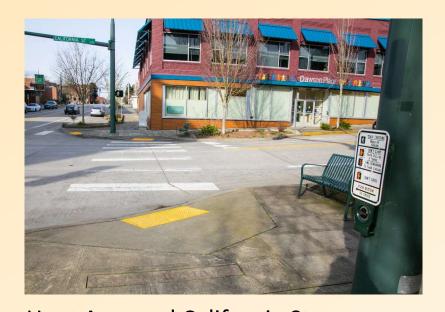


Holly Dr. and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. W

Pedestrian push buttons that are inaccessible or inaudible



# Pedestrian push buttons after barrier removal



Hoyt Ave. and California St.

Pedestrian push buttons that are accessible



Rucker Ave. and Hewitt Ave.

Pedestrian push buttons that are accessible



City of Everett

# DRAFT ADA TRANSITION PLAN FOR PUBLIC ROW 2014, 2018



# Policy and procedures



- Requirements for the transition plan
- Applicable accessibility standards
- Criteria to evaluate barriers

# Inventory



- Self-evaluation inventory of physical barriers within Everett's right of way:
  - Created an inventory of pedestrian facilities
  - Evaluated the inventory for accessibility barriers



# Project prioritization



### **Priority one**

- Barrier removal requests
- Areas with high concentrations of people with disabilities
- Areas with services, such as schools, medical centers, government offices and transit facilities

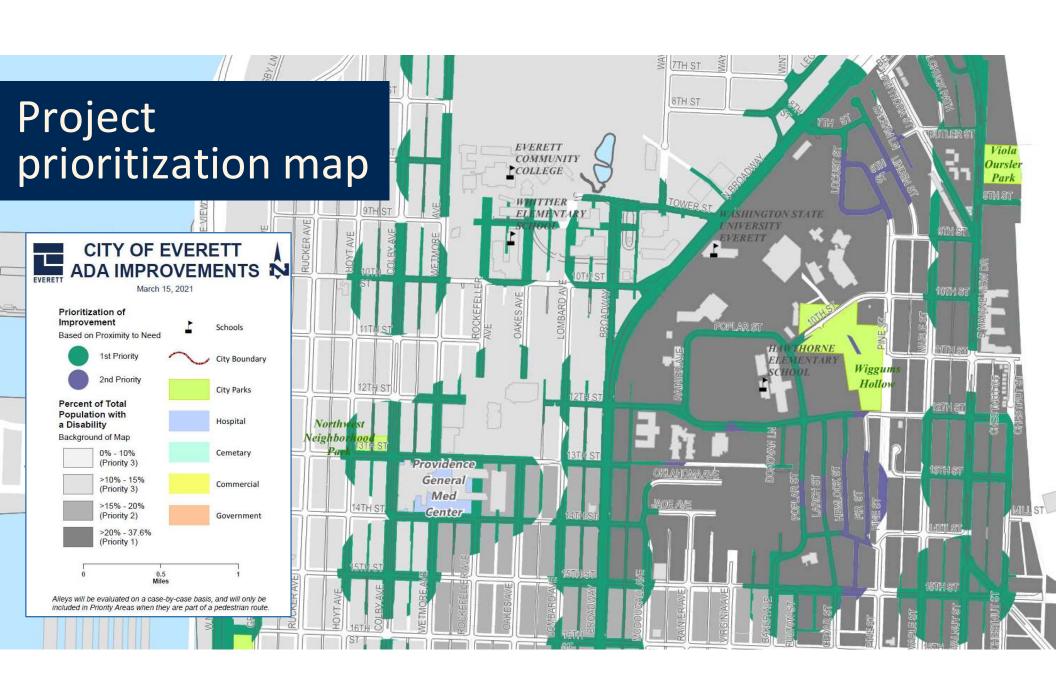
### **Priority two**

- Areas with medium concentrations of people with disabilities
- Areas with services, such as restaurants, shopping centers, sports arenas and major employment centers

### **Priority three**

- Areas with lower concentrations of people with disabilities
- Industrial and manufacturing areas
- All other areas





# Methodology



### These projects and programs remove barriers:

- Street maintenance and repairs program
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects (external funding sources)
- Frontage improvements required during private development (external funding sources)



# Schedule



### **Considerations when creating the schedule:**

- Annual pavement maintenance program
- Prioritized list of barrier removal projects
- Capital improvement and transportation improvement projects



# The 2021 plan

- Policy and procedures: updates to accessibility standards
- Inventory: began integration with GIS data
- Project prioritization:
  - More detailed prioritization framework
  - Robust stakeholder outreach
- Methodology: categorizes how funding sources are applied to different barriers
- Schedule: updates for completed projects



# **Annual** plan updates

- Policy and procedures: updates to accessibility standards
- Inventory:
  - Improve process to track barrier removal progress
  - Further evaluate barriers in shared use path inventory
- Project prioritization: evaluation of prioritization framework
- Methodology: identify additional sources of barrier removal funding
- Schedule:
  - Updates for completed projects
  - Detailed schedule by barrier type and completion date



# Timeline

**March 2021** 

Online Open House/outreach **April 2021** 

Final plan publication

**April 2022** 

Annual plan update



# We need your input!

Take our survey or report a barrier at our Online Open House (available March 2021)

everettwa.gov/ADAopenhouse

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# Americans with Disabilities Act

"There is no place in our society for prejudice of any kind, yet it was not that long ago when Americans with disabilities were often not given equal rights and opportunities. Whether the cause was ignorance or indifference, it was not acceptable. We can all take pride in how much the ADA has accomplished ... yet there is always more to be done, which is why it's good not only to celebrate our successes, but to look forward at what still must be done. As long as we never forget that every life is a miracle and each person has something to contribute, we will finish the job."



— President George H.W. Bush, July 2010



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### Thank you for your dedicated work!

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# Comments

